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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified new patent application,  
kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 14, with the following  
rewritten paragraph:

There have been proposed various engraving apparatuses (for example, U.S.  
Patent No. 5,232,321, Japanese Patent publication Nos. 115676/1989, 24395/1993 and  
Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 201762/1998).

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